

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please ADD new claim 9 in accordance with the following:

1. (Previously Presented) Elastic headwear comprising:

a head-covering portion being stretchable in at least a circumferential direction thereof and having a plurality of front pieces, side pieces and rear pieces, at least one piece among the side pieces and rear pieces being made of a stretchable warp knitted mesh which comprises at least one non-covered stretch yarn and a plurality of non-stretch yarns; and

a sweatband being stretchable in at least a circumferential direction thereof,

wherein the non-covered stretch yarn and the plurality of non-stretch yarns are provided in rows without being twisted with each other.

2. (Original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the stretchable warp knitted mesh of the crown portion is aligned such that the course direction of the mesh is substantially identical with the circumferential direction.

3. (Original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the non-covered stretch yarn is preferably selected from a non-covered spandex yarn and a textured yarn.

4. (Original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 3, wherein the non-covered spandex yarn is polyurethane yarn.

5. (Original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the non-stretch yarns are synthetic yarns which are selected from Nylon, Polyester, Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET), Polyethylene (PE), and Polypropylene (PP).

6. (Original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein front pieces of the crown portion are stiffened.

7. (Original) The elastic headwear as recited in claim 1, further comprising:  
a size adjustment member disposed on rear pieces to further adjust the size of the crown portion.

8. (Previously Presented) A head-covering portion of a headwear, comprising:  
a first portion corresponding approximately to a front of a user's head;  
a second portion; and  
a third portion between the first and second portions,  
at least one of the second portion and the third portion comprising a stretchable warp knitted mesh.

9. (New) A cap comprising:  
a crown portion for being worn on a head of a wearer, the crown portion including front pieces, side pieces and rear pieces which form a hemispherical shape;  
a visor portion coupled to the crown portion for blocking sunlight; and  
a stretchable sweatband provided at an interior circumference of the crown portion,  
wherein the side pieces and rear pieces comprise a stretchable warp knitted mesh, the stretchable warp knitted mesh comprising:  
two non-stretch threads comprising a plurality of synthetic non-stretch yarns; and  
a stretch thread comprising at least one non-covered stretch yarn and a plurality of non-stretch yarns, the non-covered stretch yarn being a textured yarn that has been treated to impart kinks, curls, or crimps to the individual filaments to enhance latent contraction thereof.